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Application Number	10/748,174
Filing Date	December 31, 2003
Inventor(s)	Lukas Trosman et al.
Group Art Unit	3641
Examiner Name	Harvey E. Behrend
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Applicants: Lukas Trosman et al.
Group Art Unit: 3641
Examiner: Alexandra F. Awai
Title: DISTRIBUTED CLUMPING OF PART-LENGTH FUEL RODS FOR
A REACTOR FUEL BUNDLE
Conf. No. 5555
Attorney Docket: 24GA127099

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Randolph Building
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Alexandria, VA 22314
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March 2, 2006

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 16, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on **page 2** of this paper;

Remarks begin on **page 5** of this paper.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
Total	9	-	20	=	0
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